

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 37-50 were previously pending in the application. Claim 43 is canceled, and claims 37 and 48 are amended herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 37-42 and 44-50 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

On page 2 of the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 37-42 and 44-46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller in view of Love. On page 5, the Examiner rejected claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller in view of Love, and further in view of Whitney. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 37 has been amended to include the features of previously pending claim 43. As such, currently amended claim 37 is equivalent to previously pending claim 43 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 37 is allowable. Since the rest of the claims depend variously from claim 37, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Fees

During the pendency of this application, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees for presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Mendelsohn & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0782.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time if not submitted with the reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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